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1. U.S. Naval Academy Graduates' Association Reunion and Dinner. The U. S. Naval Academy Graduates' Association Reunion and Dinner will take place at Annapolis on 29 May 1926. On this day the Naval Academy and West Point will play the Annual Baseball Game and hold a track meet at the Naval Academy.

2. Report of Competitive Examination of Candidates for Midshipmen from Enlisted Personnel. The report of the competitive examination of candidates for midshipmen from enlisted personnel of the Navy shows that 89 passed. This is a very creditable showing and the Bureau appreciates the cooperation of officers in making an effort to obtain the full quota of 100 authorized by law.

It is desired that every effort be made to give every eligible enlisted man an opportunity to try for entrance to the Academy, and it is hoped that the quota of 100 allowed by law may be reached for entrance to the Academy next year.

3. Mail Service - Correct Notation to be made on Returned Mail. In the administration of post offices under the control of the Navy Department particular care should be taken to prevent return of mail to senders with incorrect notation as to reasons for inability to deliver. Several cases have recently come to the attention of the Bureau in which mail for men still in the Service has been returned marked "deceased". This, of course, causes unnecessary anxiety on the part of relatives and reflects discredit upon the naval mail service. (Reference BuNav Manual Article D-5310 (i) (j) and (k)).

4. Special Order Discharge Cases - Investigation of Home Conditions. The Bureau is experiencing considerable difficulty in the matter of investigation of home conditions in special order discharge cases. In some cases it is found that the address given in the man's application has been taken from his last service record and that his family has not resided at the address for a year or more. This not only causes additional correspondence for the Bureau but delays the discharge of enlisted men in cases of considerable urgency, where the affidavits presented did not set forth fully the actual conditions. It will assist the Bureau considerably if commanding officers will see that the home address of men submitting requests for discharge are correctly given, and where the home address is taken from the service record it be verified at the time the man signs his request.

5. Report of Board of Officers to Inquire into Reports and Returns Required by BuNav. in Handling Enlisted Personnel. The Chief of Bureau has approved the report of a board of officers appointed to inquire into the reports and returns now required by the Bureau of Navigation in the handling of enlisted personnel. This board recommended the abolishment of 21 forms now in use. Among these are the "monthly report of enlistments from cruising vessels", "educational record", "report on naval aviation pilots", "record of allotments, insurance and pay", "torpedoman's practice card", "skeleton record", and all gyro compass personnel reports.

Other changes include requiring N.Nav.25 from vessels on foreign stations quarterly instead of monthly; requiring N.Nav.61 from receiving ships weekly instead of daily; substituting a sheet in the service record as a gunnery record in place of N.Nav.102; requiring service school reports monthly instead of weekly; changing N.Nav.413, "detail to duty involving flying" to a S. and A. form; revising forms pertaining to motion pictures so they may be used either for San Diego or Brooklyn; requiring N.Nav.538 from Commandants quarterly instead of monthly.

These changes will be incorporated in the next changes to the Bureau of Navigation Manual.

6. Advancements to Fill Vacancies - Entry to be made in Service Record. In order to avoid unnecessary correspondence with the Bureau regarding advancements to fill vacancies in accordance with authority given commanding officers, the Asiatic Fleet requires an entry on page 9 of the service record of each man advanced to fill vacancy giving a table similar to the following that shows the state of the rating group on board at the time of advancement: -

"12 Feb. 1926

Allowed		On Board
2	C.Y.	2
2	Y1c.	2
2	Y2c.	2
2	Y3c.	1

"12 Feb. 1926 Appointed Y3c.; Article 1275 U.S.N.R.
 Read and appointment accepted.
 Authority: BuNav Circ. Letter 50-25 of 19 Oct. 1925.
 Qualified by examination.
 (Sig)

Commander U.S.N. Comdg."

While the Bureau does not require such an entry, it is suggested to the Service that correspondence regarding discrepancies may be avoided by an entry similar to the foregoing.

7. Discharge Blanks for Underage Discharge - Revision of. The Bureau has recently revised the discharge blanks to be used for underage discharge. The new form is N-Nav-62-B (Feb. 1926).

It is desired that all other forms be destroyed and that only the latest revision be used. New forms may be had by application to the Bureau.

8. Seaman Radioman and Seaman Signalman. The three classes of Seaman Signalman have been abolished. In lieu thereof the single designation Seaman Signalman has been established.

The qualifications for Seaman Radioman and Seaman Signalman will be included in the next change of the Bureau of Navigation Manual.

The distinguishing marks for the above ratings will consist of the radio spark for seaman radioman and crossed flag for seaman signalman but no bars will appear under the distinguishing mark.

9. Naval Reserve Activities. A number of applications of enlisted men of the Navy for assignment to Class F-2 of the Fleet Naval Reserve at the expiration of their enlistments in the Navy have been forwarded to the Bureau by their Commanding Officers.

Article H-2415 Bureau of Navigation Manual provides in part as follows:

"Applications for assignment to Class F-2 will be approved by Commanding Officers only when procurement for this class is authorized by the Bureau and when the applicant is in a rating specified by the Bureau as desirable for the reserve. Such instructions will be issued from time to time depending upon the number and ratings of men required in the reserve and the funds available."

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The Bureau desires to call attention to the fact that no funds have been appropriated for the pay of Class F-2 men and that therefore no applications for assignment to that class may be approved.

10. Motion Pictures. The Bureau has purchased the following feature motion pictures for exhibition on Naval ships and stations taking Navy Film Service:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
The Night Cry	Rin-Tin-Tin
The Only Way	John Harvey
Wet Paint	Raymond Griffith
The Rainmaker	Collier, jr. - Torrence
The Palm Beach Girl	Bebe Daniels
It's the Old Army Game	W. C. Fields
The Secret Spring	Special Cast
Take a Chance	Richard Dix
Kiki	Norma Talmadge
The Desert Healer	Lewis Stone
The Savage	B. Lyon - B. Bedford
I'll Tell the World	Gertrude Olmsted
Paris	C. Ray - E. Boardman
The Johnstown Flood	Jacqueline Logan
Bride of the Storm	Dolores Costello
The Wilderness Woman	Pringle Sherman
The Sporting Lover	Tearle - Bedford
White Mice	Jacqueline Logan
Hearts and Fists	John Bowers
Chip of the Flying U	Hoot Gibson
The Flaming Frontier	Hoot Gibson
Mare Nostrum	Terry-Moreno
Rolling Home	Reginald Denny
Whispering Smith	H. B. Warner
Bachelor Brides	Rod LaRocque
The Midnight Flyer	Landis-Devore
Good and Naughty	Pola Negri
Born to the West	Jack Holt
Grass	Special Cast
Volcano	Bebe Daniels
Ransom's Folly	Richard Barthelmess
Sweet Daddies	J. Mulhall - J. Ralston
Miss Nobody	Anna Q. Nilsson
The Wise Guy	J. Kirkwood-M. Astor
Ella Cinders	C. Moore - L. Hughes
The Greater Glory	Nilsson-Tearle
Other Women's Husbands	M. Blue - M. Prevost
Lovey Mary	Bessie Love
Road to Mandalay	Lon Chaney
That Certain Party	Ramon Novarro
The Dixie Merchant	Madge Bellamy
My Own Pal	Tom Mix